

Leaf Pick-up

In an effort to complete the program before snowfall this year, we will be collecting leaves in the following manner:

All main roads will be done first, starting on Monday, 11/7/11. That should take 2 full weeks. On 11/21, they will then start from the north end of town (since that's when the leaves fall first) and continue south, one crew on each side of the Pequonnock Valley, until finished.

We are asking all residents to put their leaves at the curbline as soon as possible, so the south side of town, which is scheduled at the end of the program, will be ready if scheduling can be accelerated.

You can track the progress daily by going to the Town website, www.trumbull-ct.gov, and clicking on the tab titled "Leaf Pick-up Progress". To view Street Names, zoom to 300% or more and use the "Hand" tool to pan around the document in order to navigate to your street.

WEATHER CONDITIONS MAY PUSH THE LEAF SCHEDULE BACK.

THE LOOSE LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM IS DONE ONLY ONCE ON EACH STREET. DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE THE TRUCKS COME BACK TO YOUR STREET. A COMMON COMPLAINT IS THAT OUR TRUCKS "MISSED" ONE HOUSE ON THE STREET, BUT THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE AS THE TRUCKS MOVE RIGHT ALONG THE GUTTER. IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF YOU PUT YOUR LEAVES OUT AFTER THE TRUCKS HAVE GONE BY!

As in years past, DO NOT PUT THE LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY. ANYONE PUTTING LEAVES IN THE ROADWAY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$90 FINE. Putting leaves on the pavement presents potentially dangerous situations.

In the event of an early snowfall, leaves in the gutter are plowed back onto your lawn...maybe 10 or 15 feet.

While some people think the leaves kill the grass, our experience shows this does not happen frequently. The grass may show signs of stress because it is covered over, but come the spring most residents report no problem. This is particularly true if we are able to keep the program on schedule.

If you want to be EXTRA HELPFUL, *please consider the disposal of leaves on your own property*. Create your own compost site, or bring them into your woods and disburse them around the trees. Your “forest” will be healthier for your efforts, and you will help your Town by keeping the cost of this program down! PLEASE DON'T DUMP YOUR LEAVES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY OR THE VACANT LOT ON THE STREET, UNLESS YOU HAVE THE OWNER'S PERMISSION.

Residents in all districts may call for bagged leaf pickup throughout the program period – 452-5070 or 452-5071. All bagged leaves must be in PAPER BAGS or they will not be picked up. Use these same numbers for any questions or comments.